

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF JULY 1ST, 1936.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on Wednesday, July 1st, 1936, at two o'clock, P.M.

Present -

Harry W. Nice, Governor.
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.

Mr. Wm. H. Blakeman, State Budget Director, also attended the meeting.

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The Secretary read to the Board a letter addressed to the Comptroller by Colonel John Philip Hill, Vice-Chairman of the General Pulaski Monument Committee and Manager of the General Pulaski Monument Campaign, in which he requested that he be advised if the Board would approve the use of the \$15,000.00 appropriated in Chapter 253 of the Acts of 1931, General Construction Loan of 1931, for the erection in Baltimore City of a suitable monument to Brigadier General Pulaski, \$15,000.00, as a contribution to the General Count Pulaski Memorial Day Nursery instead of toward the erection of a memorial to General Pulaski as was originally planned.

The Secretary was directed to refer the inquiry to the Attorney General, and ask his opinion whether the Board would be within its rights in authorizing the use of the money for the Day Nursery proposal instead of for a monument.

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The following letter from the State Roads Commission, dated June 29th, 1936, was read and considered -

STATE ROADS COMMISSION

June 29th, 1936.

Mr. Jos. O'C. McCusker, Secretary,
Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker -

In accordance with the directions of the Board of Public Works at a meeting at which this Commission's 7th Budget Amendment was approved, I am giving you below a list of positions which appear on the Amendment as "vacant", and which have been filled as indicated below:

June 1, 1936:

69 A-12 George P. Welzant, County Road Right-of-Way
Examiner, Rate \$1,800.00

70 A-12 Leon Abramson, County Road Right-of-Way
Examiner, Rate \$1,800.00

June 22, 1936:

7 A-6 John B. Beall, Road Inspector, Reinstatement,
Rate \$1,320.00
District No. 6.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Wm. A. Codd,
Chief Auditor.

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The letter was ordered filed.

Budget

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter which had been addressed to the Governor by Colonel John Philip Hill and Isaac Lobe Straus, in connection with work done by them in the case of Albany Port District Commission vs. The Ahnapee and Western Railway Company, et al; Interstate Commerce Commission Docket No. 26860. With the correspondence was a bill from Messrs. Hill and Straus, in the amount of \$6,201.71, including services in the amount of \$6,000.00. Messrs. Hill and Straus requested payment.

The Governor stated to the Board that he had told Colonel Hill and Mr. Straus that there were no funds available to the Board of Public Works for the payment of this bill, as was outlined in the Governor's letter of June 30th, 1936 to Colonel Hill. The Governor stated he would give the matter consideration at the time of preparation of his next Budget.

*Emergency Bond
issued of 1935.*

adopted:

On Motion duly seconded, the following resolution was unanimously

"BE IT ORDERED, That in accordance with the Acts of 1935, Chapter 91, the Governor, the Comptroller of the Treasury, and the Treasurer of the State be and they are hereby authorized and directed to advertise twice a week for four successive weeks in the Baltimore Sun and the Baltimore News-Post, the first insertion to bear date of September 14th, 1936, and the last insertion to bear date of October 9th, 1936, that the Treasurer will receive in the office of the Treasurer at Annapolis, Maryland at any time up to 12 o'clock noon, on October 13th, 1936, bids for bonds of the State of Maryland in the aggregate sum of \$1,500,000.00 to be issued under the provisions of said Act; said bids to be contained in sealed envelopes appropriately endorsed, and each bid to be accompanied by a certified check upon some responsible banking institution, drawn to the order of the Treasurer of Maryland for five per centum of the par value of the amount bid for. All bids will be opened at 12 o'clock noon on the 13th day of October, 1936.

Said bonds shall be dated the 15th day of October, 1936, and they shall bear interest at the rate of two and three-fourths per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on the 15th days of April and October, respectively, during the continuance of said loan. Said bonds shall be of the denomination of \$1,000 each, all shall be subject to registration as to principal, and all shall be issued with interest coupons attached and shall be deliverable on the 15th day of October, 1936. The said bonds shall be issued upon the Serial Annuity Plan, as provided in said Act.

The right shall be reserved to accept one bid for all of said loan, or separate bids for parts of said loan, as may produce the highest amount; and the right shall also be reserved to accept bids which are for parts of said loan, but which may not be for all, and to reject all bids or any bids. If two or more responsible bidders shall make the same bid and each bid shall be the highest, and the certificates so bid for by such highest responsible bidders shall be in excess of the whole amount of certificates as offered for sale, then such certificates of indebtedness may be awarded in a ratable proportion to such responsible bidders bidding the same price.

The Governor, Comptroller and the Treasurer shall cause to be prepared bonds in good and sufficient form for the amount of said loan."

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from the State Teachers' Retirement System, in which it was set forth that the System will need \$1,200.00 to take care of its expenses for the balance of the current fiscal year, and that it would need \$1,200.00 additional to the amount of \$10,000.00 appropriated to it in its budget for the fiscal

year 1937. The Board approved an allotment of \$1,200.00 to the State Teachers' Retirement System out of the 1936 Reserve Fund. The question of allotting additional funds to the 1937 budget will be taken up at the time allotments are made from the 1937 Reserve Fund to the various State Departments and Institutions.

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The letter addressed to the Governor, under date of June 20th, 1936, by the Attorney General, relative to the report of the State Survey Commission on its investigation of the office of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles came before the Board at the request of the Governor.

It was agreed to defer any action in the matter until more information could be obtained.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Dr. H. C. Byrd, President, University of Maryland, in which the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland recommends the acceptance of the gift of the Elk Neck property in Cecil County from the County Commissioners of Cecil County.

The Board deferred any action in the matter, pending receipt of information from the University of Maryland and the State Department of Forestry as to the plans they have for the maintenance of the property if accepted by the State.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board three letters from Doctor Ira A. Darling, Superintendent of Springfield State Hospital, relative to salaries for stenographic help, salaries for certain medical assistants at the hospital, and salaries of carpenter and Assistant Engineer.

It was stated that the changes in these salaries desired by Doctor Darling could be made through an amendment to the Hospital's Budget, and that no additional funds would be used from the Reserve Fund.

It was agreed that the necessary Budget Amendment should be prepared, covering these salary changes.

The letter of Doctor W. G. Jack, Port Deposit, Maryland, a member of the Board of Managers of Eastern Shore State Hospital, dated June 18th, 1936, in connection with an additional building at the institution for the isolation of tubercular cases, was read and considered -

CECIL NATIONAL BANK

Dr. W.G. Jack, President.
Port Deposit, Md.

June 18th, 1936.

Mr. John W. McCool,
Elkton, Md.

My dear John:

There was recently appropriated by the State Legislature the sum of \$150,000. for the purpose of building the reception and administration building at the Eastern Shore State Hospital at Cambridge. The Federal Government came along and gave forty-five cents on the dollar additional towards this work. The building is now about completed at an approximate cost of \$161,000. It was intended that the remainder of this money go towards repairing the old buildings at Cambridge which are in a very much run down condition. However, the Board of Public Works finding this sum was not exhausted, allotted the remainder of the money originally intended for Cambridge, to the University of Maryland and Spring Grove respectively.

There is a question in my mind as to whether the Board of Public Works did not exceed their authority in using money that was allotted for a definite purpose.

I would also call to your attention the fact that within a very short period of time there were six cases of tuberculosis in this hospital and there being no adequate means of isolation these patients were of necessity allowed to mingle with the other patients and at the present time there are thirty inmates of this institution now with tuberculosis, undoubtedly caused by inadequate means of isolation thereby protecting the other patients.

I had hoped to present this matter directly to the Governor before this, thinking that some day when you were going down I could go with you and bring this

to his attention, but it seems that I have been unable to get away and I thought it best to acquaint you with the situation at the earliest possible moment as I know you are interested in the Eastern Shore.

Very truly yours,

/s/ W. G. Jack,

Dr. W. G. Jack

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The Board agreed that this was a matter which would have to be taken up at some later time, probably in the next construction program.

*St. Dept. of
Public Welfare*

Mr. J. Milton Patterson, Executive Secretary of the Board of State Aid and Charities, appeared before the Board in connection with a letter addressed by him to the Board, dated June 28th, 1936.

BOARD OF STATE AID AND CHARITIES

Calvert Building,

Baltimore, Md.

June 28th, 1936.

Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

In connection with our budget submitted for your approval showing various administrative needs in connection with the Emergency Relief Taxes imposed by the last Special Session of the Legislature, please be advised that in curtailing our suggested budget there has arisen a rather serious question of the administration of the funds coming to the State under Title V, Part III of the Federal Social Security Act. This has no fiscal relationship to the organization presented to you and in its revised form in operation in our Department. Part III, Title V of the Federal Act in part is as follows:

"to cooperate with State public-welfare agencies in establishing, extending, and strengthening, especially in predominantly rural areas, welfare services for the protection and care of homeless, dependent, and

neglected children, and children in danger of becoming delinquent."

Quoting from Section 521 Part 3 of the Social Security Act under Child-Welfare Services, it reads "such amount shall be allotted by the Secretary of Labor for use by cooperating State public-welfare agencies on the basis of plans developed jointly by the State agency and the Children's Bureau, to each State \$10,000, and the remainder to each State on the basis of such plans?"

Status of the Plan: Plan submitted was approved and became effective on March 1, 1936. The only expenditure which has been made from the fund is the salary of the Director for 2½ months, from April 15th to June 30th. The status of the funds is thus as follows:

Amount of original allotment	\$7,336.00	
Total expenditures to June 30th.	729.17	
Balance on hand.	\$6,606.83	\$6,606.83
Balance of allotment, this fiscal year		1,842.89
Allotment, next fiscal year		<u>22,029.34</u>
Total available, July 1, 1936 to June 30, 1937		\$30,479.06

Manner in which the funds can be used: The funds "are to be used for payment of part of the cost of district, county, or other local child-welfare services in areas predominantly rural and for developing State services for the encouragement and assistance of adequate methods of community child-welfare organization in areas predominantly rural and other areas of special need." (Quotation from U. S. Children's Bureau pamphlet of instructions, "Grants to State for Maternal and Child Welfare").

The Board of State Aid and Charities will make grants to localities for child welfare services on the basis of approved plans. (See Information Bulletin No. 1, Child Welfare Services).

For the purpose of organizing, establishing, and carrying on these services, the Board of State Aid and Charities submits the following budget:

State Office:

State Director	\$3,000.00
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Suggested Plan for Local Service:

For County Case Work Supervisors and Consultant (To be paid by county with grant from special fund) (5)	\$13,100.00	
For County Child Welfare Workers (5)	6,300.00	
For part payment of salary of Executive Secretaries (3)	3,200.00	22,600.00
Total yearly salaries		\$25,600.00
Mileage		2,000.00
Expenses of summer training Institute		<u>2,000.00</u>
Total		<u>\$29,600.00</u>
Total available		\$30,479.06

Very truly yours,

/s/ J. Milton Patterson.
Executive Secretary.

Mr. Patterson explained that the money in question was from the Federal Fund, and that there is no contribution from the State necessary in connection with the work outlined in the letter of June 28th.

Under the circumstances the Board approved the proposed plan.

Mr. Patterson submitted to the Board a plan for the training of personnel through a Scholarship Fund, in the amount of \$10,000.00, which is federal money already in the State Treasury.

The Board approved the plan outlined by Mr. Patterson.

Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, Chief of the Bureau of Personnel and Accounts of the State Department of Health, appeared before the Board and submitted a memorandum on disbursing of funds received through the United States Public Health Service under the Social Security Act. The money made available to the Department through the United States Public Health Service represents the total of \$125,433.00. Mr. Kirkman fully explained the work to the Board, and received the Board's approval to the plan outlined by him in his memorandum and the discussion of it.

Mr. Blakeman brought to the attention of the Board a proposed contract for elevator service at the State Tobacco Warehouse. The plan was approved and a copy of the plan was directed to be filed with the Secretary.

Mr. Blakeman brought to the attention of the Board an amendment to the Budget of the Maryland House of Correction, under which the salary of the Assistant Deputy Warden was fixed at \$2,000.00 a year, and a mail censor at \$1,200.00 a year was provided.

The Board approved the amendment.

Dr. Homer E. Tabler, Chairman of the State Roads Commission, appeared before the Board in connection with plans for the rebuilding of bridges in Western Maryland for which the General Assembly at the Special Session of 1936 appropriated the proceeds of the Emergency Reconstruction Bond Issue of 1936. Dr. Tabler had with him blueprints and other data in connection with proposed bridges, and he was given authority to confer with representatives of the States of West Virginia and Virginia, and the United States Government, relative to plans for the building of the bridges in question. It was understood that Dr. Tabler would report further to the Board, giving information as to the views of the other States and the United States Government with tentative costs, etc. of the work to be done.

State Employees

Col. Harry C. Jones, State Employment Commissioner, appeared before the Board, and took up the question of continued absences of certain employees from duty. Colonel Jones stated that he had no authority to approve continued absences or absences in excess of the time prescribed by law governing the State Employment Commission. Dr. Riley, Director of the State Department of Health and Mr. Walter N. Kirman of the State Department of Health related to the Board an instance of one of the Engineers connected with the State Department of Health who has been ill for the past several months, and has not been able to report for duty regularly although he is consulted from time to time at home about the work of the Department.

The Board discussed this subject at length, the thought being advanced that perhaps the practice which has been going on for sometime should be continued until the Legislature would be given an opportunity to consider the matter and make some provisions for the retirement of persons who are unable to continue their duties, but no formal action was taken on the question of what should be done in the case of employees who are exceeding the limit allowed for absences. Colonel Jones stated that he would not approve payment of salaries of these employees when they appeared on payrolls sent to his office for certification.

The State Budget Director submitted to the Board a budget amendment in five parts, dated June 15, from the Department of Health, distributing funds received for the period between February 1, 1936 and June 30th, 1936, by the State of Maryland from the Federal Government, under the Social Security Act, Title V, Part 1, \$19,788.52, and under Title VI, \$42,116.82.

The Board authorized the approval of the amendment by the Governor.

The Budget Director also submitted amendments to the Budget of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, and the Maryland State Board of Motion Picture Censors, in which certain salary changes were involved.

The Board authorized the approval of the amendment.

The following letter from Springfield State Hospital, dated June 17th, 1936, was read and considered -

SPRINGFIELD STATE HOSPITAL

June 17, 1936.

State Board of Public Works,
Union Trust Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

Your authority is requested to charge off the books of this Hospital the account due the State in the case of David Brunton, amounting to \$32.00, which, after repeated efforts we have been unable to collect.

This account represents charges for board and medical attendance of the patient for the period April 30 to May 15, 1935, inclusive, 16 days at the rate of \$2.00 per day.

Request is made in accordance with resolution adopted by the Board of Managers of Springfield State Hospital, at a meeting held on May 1, 1936.

Very truly yours,

Springfield State Hospital

/s/ A. H. Rehbein, Clerk.

The Board approved the request that the account be written off as uncollectible.

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The following letter from the State Roads Commission, dated June 17th, 1936, was read and considered -

STATE ROADS COMMISSION

June 17, 1936.

Mr. Jos. O'C. McCusker, Secretary,
The Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir:-

In accordance with the arrangements made upon the execution of Commission's 7th Budget Amendment, you are hereby notified of the appointment to positions shown as vacant in said Budget Amendment, of the following:

Account 22-221-5

No. 15 A-5, Charles F. Smith, Jr., Road
Inspector, at the rate of
\$1,320.00 per year
June 11, 1936 - Reinstatement

Account 22-221-6

No. 4W A-6, Titus Bowers, County Stenographer,
at rate of \$720.00 per year,
laid off May 31, 1936;
Lewis I. Ditto entered June 1, 1936,
to replace the above employe, at
the same rate of pay.

Very truly yours,

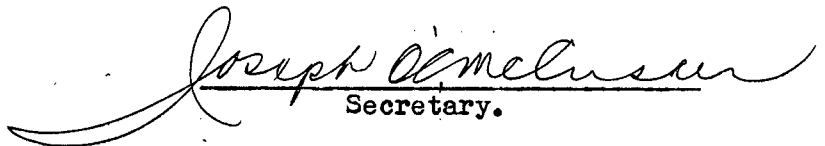
/s/ Wm. A. Codd,
Chief Auditor.

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c.c. - Mr. W. H. Blakeman
State Budget Director.

The Board directed that the letter be filed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.